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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to DD/I (Planning)

SUBJECT : OCI Comments on "CIA Support of US
Counter-Insurgency Operations"

1. It appears from the US Internal Defense Objectives (page 2) that "counter-insurgency" has been defined so broadly as to cover virtually all US policy objectives in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. If this is intended, the paper provides rather elaborate window-dressing for a directive to go on producing current intelligence as we have done before.

2. If this is not intended, we would take exception to some of the language, which seems to provide too sweeping authority for diversion of resources away from pursuit of the PNIO's. For instance, on page 3, paragraph 3.b.(1) describes USIB as reviewing requirements to see what "adjustments of priorities" are needed. But 3.b.(2) says "the US intelligence effort will be aligned in support of counter-insurgency operations at all levels..." Similarly, on page 11, paragraph 6.b.(1) directs CIA to "Realign the collection and production effort of the US intelligence community, as necessary"--to provide a series of massive country studies. We think the need for such studies, their scope, and the question of whether existing papers can be adapted to the purpose should be examined by USIB before any realignment is considered.

3. Paragraph 3.a.(1) on page 2 needs some definitions. What is "counter-insurgency intelligence?" "Operational" speaks for itself; "basic" presumably refers to the studies mentioned above; "national" could mean the estimates referred to in 6.b.(1)(a) and (c). Does "current" mean what OCI puts out now or something else? In any case, too narrow a definition of current or national counter-insurgency intelligence could reduce the flow of general political intelligence.

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